



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held January 11, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve updated policies and proposals for the first year of the 2005-06 State Legislative Session which seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources, and promote the growth of the State and local economy; and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, affected departments, the Legislative Strategist, and the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to work with the County Legislative Delegation, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to pursue these policies and proposals.

Also consideration of the Chief Administrative Officer's attached report on proposed amendments to the State Legislative Agenda, submitted by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich at the Board meeting of January 4, 2005.

On motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, and carried by the Board, the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendations, and report on proposed amendments, for the policies and proposals for the first year of the 2005-06 State Legislative Session, were adopted with the following additional changes:

1. A "No" vote for Supervisor Molina was recorded on the following:

- Attachment I, Number 6 - Justice and Public Safety, Section 6.8 Probation, Item 1: Support funding for the Developing Increased Safety through Arms Recovery Management (DISARM) Program; and

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2. A “No” vote for Supervisor Knabe was recorded on the following:

- Attachment I, Number 9 - Revenue and Taxation, Item 2: Support legislation to provide the County with greater flexibility to increase the local sales tax in light of the 1.5 percent local sales tax cap;
- Attachment I, Number 9 - Revenue and Taxation, Item 3: Support proposals to provide for a fee on alcohol consumption to be used to fund trauma and emergency care;
- Attachment I, Number 10 - Social Services, Section 10.11 Service Delivery, Item 1: Oppose efforts to privatize and/or centralize eligibility processing for Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, and/or Food Stamps at the State level;
- Attachment I, Number 11 - State-County Relationship, Item 9: Support a constitutional amendment to provide that the State budget and related bills can be approved by a majority vote;
- Attachment I, Number 12 - Transportation, Item 10: Support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a Countywide sales or gas tax transportation measure; and
- Attachment II, County Sponsored Programs, Number 4 - Local Alcohol Tax Authority: Under current law, local government does not have the authority to levy an alcohol tax. The weakened condition of the California economy has increased the demand for local governmental services beyond what current revenues can finance. This places essential services such as emergency and trauma care, where the need for these services is often linked to alcohol consumption, at risk. Therefore, the County will seek legislation that would authorize counties to impose a local tax of no more than 5% on the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to continue to provide essential public services, including emergency and trauma care;

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3. A “No” vote for Supervisor Antonovich was recorded on the following:

- Attachment I, Number 1 - Children and Families, Section 1.3 Child Care and Development, Item 5: Support efforts to increase access to integrated, high-quality early care and education services in all city and County planning processes for land use and zoning; transportation; housing; and economic, workforce, and community development;
- Attachment I, Number 4 - Health, Section 4.3 Medi-Cal and Healthy Families, Item 7: Support continued State funding for prenatal services to undocumented women;
- Attachment I, Number 7 - Maintenance of Effort/Mandate Relief, Item 6: Oppose new unfunded mandates unless they promote a higher priority;
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#### Attachments

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Each Supervisor

County Counsel